

TRACKING DOWN A BURGLAR

COVERED A BURGLARY IN BROOKLYN.

There was looked up at Police Headquarters, yesterday a burglar who, although only thirty-five years old, has been regarded as one of the most dangerous criminals in the country. His name is John Talbot, but he has been known by many names and has been a thief almost from childhood. At a tender age he was sent to the House of Refuge and while he was in his teens he was in the penitentiary more than once. In 1876 he tried to rob a photograph gallery in Fourth-ave. near Thirtieth-st., in company with a son of Carpenter, the wife murderer, who killed himself in the Tombs while under sentence of death. Being discovered in the gallery, Talbot tried several shots

the photographer and made a desperate attempt to escape, but was caught by a policeman and sent to the New York House of Detention with "Patsy" Carroll, Tallant's two-year-old son. The pair were held in the same cell in the same jail with goods store of Wolf & Duzan in Union Square in 1882, getting away with \$10,000. Both were caught later and sent to prison for four years. They were released last October, and in the following month Talbot helped to rob the dry goods store of S. B. Jones, in Fulton-st., Brooklyn. The police, who shortly arrested Talbot and Carroll and sent them to the same jail, had not yet had given the name of Travers, escaped from the Adams Street Police Court by climbing through a skylight. He went directly to Canada and remained in Montreal most of the time until after the ice carnival. His presence there was known to the police, but he managed to evade detection. He was not to be searched for him, although it was said that he played a part in the escape of a man with some of the exiled ex-Aldermen of New York. His boldness was surprising. Before the winter was half over Inspector Rymne learned that Talbot had made several flying visits to this city. It was known that he was attached to a woman not of the best reputation in New York. That this was the case in order to get away from his shadowed life, but the police pursued him

In Montreal Talbot met and became friendly with a Western thief, Charles Radford, who was with a stranger to the detectives in this city. Radford executed several commissions for Talbot in New-York. At length they joined hands in a burglary in Montreal, and stole diamonds worth about \$8,000 from a jewelry store. Immediately afterwards they returned to this city. The thieves were here late in February, but only stayed a few days, before they went to Philadelphia to dispose of the stolen diamonds. Soon after they got settled in the Quaker City they decided to make an attack upon the office of Andrew H. Miller, produce commission merchant at No. 134 South Front-street. Talbot got on speaking terms with the watchman and was able to study the approaches to the building.

On the night of March 8 Talbot and Radford got into a building several doors away, opened a scuttle and went over the roofs to the scuttle of Mr. Miller's building. They forced that from the outside and descended to the office while the watchman was pacing the street. A big safe in the office was broken open with so little noise that no attention was drawn to the burglars. It

was a big haul, made the burglars more confident. They carried off \$100 in cash, a diamond ring worth \$300,000. In the bundle were Reading Railroad bonds, first mortgage bonds of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and Philadelphia city bonds.

When the robbery was discovered on the following morning the Philadelphia police were in despair. From the watchman they got a description of one of the men who had been hanging about the place, and it was suspected that he was in the city. The police felt confident that the burglar would come to this city and be detected Detective-Sergeants King, Lyon, Slauson and O'Connor to hunt for him. The woman whom Talbot had visited was followed, but she did not betray him. "It was ascertained at length that he had been seen about the flat house No. 18, East . . . One hundred dollars was offered that any man who could locate Talbot would be paid. Talbot was located closely for a time. William Chumpe, the janitor, was believed to be the man who had helped Talbot. Talbot's friend and the officers suspected that he was helping to conceal the burglar. They did not know until later there was a rear entrance by which Talbot had slipped into the house from One . . . of the second-st.

The approaching trial of "Patsy" Carroll in Brooklyn led Inspector Byrnes to believe that he would take some pains to communicate with her, but would, at the same time, keep himself informed regarding the trial. As soon as the trial began a

watch was upon some suspicious persons in the court-room who seemed to be waiting for news from the jury. He went to New York on Thursday and went to Chune's place. There he convinced the detectives that Chune had no bad relations with the underworld. He had the trial of the burglar re-opened in a disgraceful manner for the jury. Carroll, under the name of William Henderson, had admitted that he was a professional thief, but had no hand in Jones's store. His confession was so cleverly made that it had some effect on the jury, as he was said to be in the last stages of consumption, and the evidence against him was wholly circumstantial. The jury was announced, the man who had gone to see Chune on Thursday went along to Harlem and spent some time in the flat with him. When he returned to the house two of the officers, Stanson and O'Connor, followed him to Morrisania. It was then late in the evening. The man went to No. 673 East 125th street, and after ringing the bell when he found that no one was answering he walked directly away from the house and did not return to it.

When the officers watched the house he returned, he hastened to Police Headquarters, where Inspector Byrnes was waiting, and made a report. Calling two or three additional officers, he went to the house to assist Stanson and O'Connor. It is pretty certain that Tabbot is in that house," he said. "Get him, if you have to break in."

The officers forced their way in. Talbot was there, but he was not inclined to be taken prisoner if he could help it. He attempted to shoot Stanton, but the latter was too quick for him. The other officers searched his room, and found in Talbot's possession the \$300,000 in bonds which had been stolen from Mr. Miller's safe in Philadelphia. Talbot was taken to the city jail.

Inspector Byrnes gave a graphic description of the work of plundering Mr. Miller's place. He remained inside the Inspector's custody until to-day. Mr. Miller was informed by a search of the records that the thief had been in the city for several days. He will be in the city to-day to claim his bonds. Talbot said he had not intended to try to sell the bonds. His plan was to keep them in his room until he could get Miller to come forward for their return, when he hoped to get as much as \$10,000 for them.

Inspector Byrnes said yesterday that Talbot probably would be sent to the city jail. He was probably would not be sent to his first cell immediately. As it was his first known offence in Pennsylvania he could be sent to prison for only five years.

Talbot was taken to the Brooklyn bar

glory it will be for a third State Prison, offices in this State, and he may get fifteen years at Sing Sing before he goes to Philadelphia. Talbot is not suspected of connection with the Weeks' murder, nor is it believed that he took part in the recent burglaries in Canal-st. His companion, Charles Radford, is believed to be out of the city. A man answering to the name of George Radford was locked up on suspicion at headquarters on Thursday night, but Mr. Byrnes said he was not connected with Talbot.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

A DECREE AGAINST PHILADELPHIA.
PHILADELPHIA, April 1 (*Spectator*).—In the United States Circuit Court to-day Judge Butler issued a decree in favor of the Warwick Manufacturing Company and Isaac Kidd, of Cleveland, for \$4,509.98, against the City of Philadelphia. The amount represents royalties and the right to use in the same houses the plaintiffs' patented device for suspend-

KILLED HIS WIFE, THEN BURNED HER BODY.

CHICKADEE. — Last Tuesday morning Tarleton Steele, colored, Ala., says: "I was in the woods near Ada, in this county. He took the body and carried it off to a lonely place in the woods a mile from home and threw it in a gully, piled straw on it, then poured kerosene oil on the heap and set fire to it. The murderer was captured."

And John J. Cahill, all three men were a few days ago in the employ of George Harrub, a livery stable keeper. Blakely left a day or two ago in consequence of a disagreement with Harrub, and it is charged that he crept upon his victims at midnight, while both were asleep at the stable and assaulted them with hatchet and pistol. The wounded men are likely to die.